

or interpret the apostles injunction to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, so as to permit you to do as you please and they will work out your salvation for you to the amount of said consideration—as if the gift of God may be purchased with money. But this kind of work was denounced by the apostle in the case of Simon Magus and I don't believe it is good doctrine now; much less do I believe in the granting of indulgences. But I am digressing.

Never before had the young people a better opportunity to develop their talents, to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord as spoken of by the apostle, and to do the grand work which is in their province to do.

The disclosures of the past decade show that while effort of all kinds has been organizing, the organization of Christian effort has been making rapid progress. One organization alone which a dozen years ago numbered less than a hundred members now numbers almost a million and three quarters, or over 28,000 societies.

Our own church has taken steps to organize under one name and purpose the various young people's societies of the church. The prejudice that naturally comes for one's own society—for a name and accustomed things, may make it hard to change a name or fully adopt the work of the general conference. But for this very reason the work of the conference should be adopted. The same prejudice that exists for the smaller society would still exist, and be even stronger, if co-operating with and having a name and purpose in common with many other societies. Besides, being less exclusive and having the many advantages which come from and by co-operating with the larger organization more good will be accomplished.

It is hoped that those to whom has been assigned the work of effecting this organization will be able to harmonize the different beliefs and that the work of the young people will be rapidly pushed forward.

When I think of the way the young people all over the country are banding together in one common cause of developing and using their powers in Christian effort it seems to me that the time will soon come when the saloon

question and the great social questions which are now agitating the minds of the people will be settled, and intemperance and the evils which have such a strong hold upon this country will be eradicated, and the world will be better, because the youth of the land are getting right on these questions. They

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and when they grow up they will be right. One starts in vice, is educated in crime, spends his time in the saloon, believe that way and feel at home there. Another gets started right; learns the pleasures that come from right living and doing good; has the higher intellectual powers educated, and having once learned the higher and nobler objects of life the saloon, card table and the haunts of vice have but few enticements.

Our whole make up, what we believe and what we do, depends largely on the way we get started in life. We form habits in youth from which we can no more escape when we grow up than our coat sleeve can suddenly fall into a new set of folds. And so it is that our preachers have more trouble to get people right after they have once started wrong than they have to get them to start right in youth.

One man conscientiously believes and does one thing while another conscientiously believes and does the opposite, because their consciences are educated different. A man may go through college and still have his head full of socialistic ideas. He may be educated in text books and still be on the wrong side of a question. But not so with the man who is educated in the Scriptures, and has his heart filled with the grace of God. He gets in harmony with God's law and with himself. He gets into a trend in which he will naturally gravitate to his proper destiny. He gets started right and will use his powers for good and his life will be full of usefulness. Then what a power will be this great work of the young people. This banding together in Christian effort, this getting started right in youth. What an Archimedean lever for good. A great army battling for right and marching on to victory as surely as did ever the army of Grant at Appomattox.

Already do we see the result. It is

the young people who are foremost in the agitation of every great reform of the country. The young people were the strongest advocates for the closing of the World's Fair on Sunday. Senator Quay went to the National Convention of Y. P. S. C. E. in favor of Sunday opening, but when he saw that great convention of young people a unit for Sunday closing he went home in favor of closing the fair on Sunday. He wanted to be on the side of the young people. With the church growing faster than the population of the country and with this great movement among the young people, scheming politicians see it to their advantage to get on the side of the young people, and the end of "Bossism" and corrupt political rings draweth nigh.

At this same convention a delegate from Canada asked the question if it would be possible for the United States and Great Britain to ever have another war, considering the way the young people were being banded together in Christian Endeavor. The answer was that it would not. And the whole convention rose 730,000 strong, and sang "Blest be the tie that binds."

May that sentiment so appropriately coming from Christian America spread from nation to nation, even to the uttermost parts of the earth, until the prophecy of Isaiah shall be fulfilled, "and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

Morrill, Kans.

Some persons of weak understanding are so sensible of that weakness as to be able to make good use of it.

A saint is a man of convictions who has been dead a hundred years, canonized now, but canonaded while living.

Much of the trouble in this world happens because men take too much time to make money and too little to enjoy it.

Honest good humor is the oil and wine of a merry meeting, and there is no jovial companionship equal to that where the jokes are rather small, the laughter abundant.

Parents trust their daughters with lots of men with whom they would not trust their bank account.